Birth Injuries

Maryland Birth Injury Lawyer

Was your baby injured during labor or delivery due to a medical mistake? A birth injury can change the course of your child's life and place overwhelming emotional and financial strain on your family. When medical negligence causes preventable harm, Maryland families deserve clear answers and strong legal advocacy. At JGL, we have a successful track record representing families in complex birth injury and medical malpractice cases, investigating what went wrong and pursuing the financial resources children and families need to provide long-term care, stability, and future security.

What is a Birth Injury?

Birth injuries frequently result from preventable medical errors or inadequate care during pregnancy, labor, or delivery. These injuries may involve physical trauma, oxygen deprivation, untreated infections, or failures to timely diagnose and respond to medical emergencies.

Birth injuries can range in severity. Some result in temporary conditions that resolve with treatment, while others cause permanent physical, cognitive, or developmental impairments. Common examples include cerebral palsy, brachial plexus injuries, spinal cord injuries, and acquired brain damage caused by a lack of oxygen or blood flow. In some cases, the full extent of your child's injury may not become apparent until months or years later, when developmental delays or learning disabilities emerge.

What Rights Do Families Have After a Birth Injury in Maryland?

For more than 50 years, JGL has represented families and children affected by birth injuries. Maryland law allows parents and injured children to pursue damages for the harm each has suffered due to a birth injury. These may include medical expenses, lost wages, specialized care and education costs, diminished earning capacity, and pain and suffering.

Although the legal process can be complex, families have important rights. Understanding those rights early is critical to preserving evidence, meeting procedural requirements, and protecting a child's access to the resources necessary for lifelong support. Our team of experienced birth injury lawyers works closely with families at every stage, guiding them through the process while focusing on securing the long-term care and financial stability their child may need.

What Types of Birth Injury Cases Do We Handle?

JGL represents families across Maryland in a wide range of birth injury cases arising from medical negligence. These cases often involve failures in monitoring, delayed decision-making, improper use of medical tools, or inadequate response to signs of fetal or neonatal distress.

Cerebral Palsy and Acquired Brain Injuries

Cerebral palsy and other acquired brain injuries often result from trauma or oxygen deprivation during labor and delivery. These conditions can cause permanent physical, cognitive, and developmental impairments, frequently requiring lifelong medical care, therapy, and support services.

Brachial Plexus Injuries (Erb's Palsy)

Brachial plexus injuries damage the network of nerves controlling the shoulder, arm, and hand, often due to excessive force or

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improper techniques during delivery. While some children recover, more severe injuries can result in permanent weakness, loss of function, or paralysis.

Hypoxic-Ischemic Encephalopathy (HIE)

HIE is a specific type of brain injury caused by a lack of oxygen or blood flow to the brain before, during, or shortly after birth. It is commonly linked to failures in fetal monitoring, delayed emergency intervention, or delayed cesarean delivery and can lead to seizures, developmental disabilities, and long-term neurological damage.

Spinal Cord Injuries and Physical Trauma

Improper use of forceps or vacuum extractors, or mismanagement of difficult deliveries, can cause spinal cord injuries, fractures, and other forms of physical trauma. These injuries may significantly affect a child's mobility, physical development, and overall health.

Infections and Delayed Diagnosis

Birth injuries can also result from untreated maternal or neonatal infections or from delays in diagnosing and responding to serious medical conditions after birth. Failures to recognize signs of infection, administer timely treatment, or escalate care can significantly worsen outcomes and lead to permanent injury or long-term health complications.

How Long Do You Have to File a Birth Injury Claim?

Birth injury claims in Maryland are governed by a specific statute of limitations that accounts for injuries to minors. While medical malpractice claims are generally subject to strict filing deadlines, Maryland law often allows additional time for claims brought on behalf of children. However, important exceptions and deadlines may apply. These time limits are strictly enforced and can significantly affect a family's ability to recover compensation. For this reason, it is critical to consult with an experienced birth injury attorney as soon as a potential injury is suspected.

How to Prove a Birth Injury Claim in Maryland

To prove a birth injury claim in Maryland, families must show that a health care provider failed to meet the accepted standard of care during pregnancy, labor, delivery, or neonatal treatment. This involves demonstrating what a reasonably competent provider should have done and how the care given fell short.

Medical records, hospital protocols, and testimony from qualified medical experts are often central to these cases. Families must also establish a direct connection between the negligent act or delay and the child's injury, showing that the breach of care caused or contributed to the harm suffered.

Finally, the claim must document the full scope of damages, including current medical needs, anticipated future care, and the long-term impact on the child's life and independence. Because Maryland birth injury cases involve detailed medical evidence and strict procedural requirements, careful preparation and experienced legal guidance are essential.

What Compensation is Available for Birth Injury Claims?

Families pursuing a birth injury claim in Maryland may be entitled to compensation for both economic and non-economic damages. Economic damages include past and future medical expenses, therapy, assistive care, specialized education, home modifications, and loss of future earning capacity. These damages are intended to cover the real, long-term costs associated with caring for an injured child. Non-economic damages such as pain and suffering, emotional distress, and loss of quality of life are intended to compensate for the physical discomfort, daily challenges, and lasting emotional toll that often accompany a preventable birth injury.

How Our Birth Injury Lawyers Can Help You and Your Family

JGL attorneys have extensive experience handling complex medical malpractice and birth injury cases throughout Maryland. We understand the profound challenges families face after a birth injury and focus not only on securing compensation but on helping families obtain the resources needed to ensure lifelong care, support, and stability for their children.

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We approach every case with compassion, diligence, and a commitment to uncovering the truth. Our team conducts thorough investigations, collaborates with respected medical experts, and builds strong, evidence-based claims on behalf of injured children and their families.

With JGL, families gain a dedicated legal partner – one who combines deep experience with personalized guidance and meticulous attention to detail. Our results-driven approach is designed to help you secure the resources and peace of mind necessary to protect your child's future.

Schedule a Free Consultation With a Seasoned Maryland Birth Injury Lawyer

If your child has suffered a birth injury, taking timely legal action can protect your family's rights and help secure the support your child needs. JGL's experienced Maryland birth injury attorneys are available to review your case and answer your questions.

Contact us today to schedule a free consultation and speak with an experienced birth injury attorney who will carefully evaluate your case and guide you through the legal process. With JGL by your side, you have a dedicated partner committed to helping your family obtain the care, support, and compensation your child deserves.

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